(*a*) the total amount estimated for the construction of the Thevara-Venduruthi Bridge ;

(*b*) whether the construction was done departmentally ;

(*c*) if so, whether the Government is aware that tenders were invited for the building materials ;

(*d*) if the answer to sub-question (*c*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to enquire whether the work done is sufficient for the money spent by conducting an investigation through our P. W. D.;

(*e*) whether the estimates prepared by the Harbour Authorities are scrutinised by our Government ;

(*f*) whether the works are check-measured by any competent authority deputed by our Government;

(*g*) whether tenders were called for the construction of any of the works the Harbour Authorities have undertaken within the last 3 years at least for materials ;

(*h*) if the answers to sub-questions (*e*), (*f*) and (*g*) are in the negative the reasons for not doing so ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Rs. 15,67,500.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (*c*).

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) The question does not arise as far as (*g*) is concerned. As regards (*e*) & (*f*), Government have not considered it necessary to scrutinise the estimates and check-measure the works connected with the development of the Harbour, as these estimates were prepared by expert Engineers and were approved, in the first instance, by competent authorities like the Madras Government or the Government of India, and as the works are carried out under expert supervision.

144. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the cost of construction of the bridge connecting Ernakulam with Venduruthi; and

(*b*) the share of the expenses met by the Cochin Government towards the cost of construction of the bridge referred to in clause (*a*)?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*
(*a*) The estimated cost of the Ernakulam-Venduruthi bridge is Rs. 15,67,500.

(*b*) The Cochin Government is financing (by way of advance to the Harbour Authority) two-thirds of all the expenditure for the IV Stage Harbour works including the above bridge.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, whether the Madras Government and the Government of India construct buildings at a far higher rate than our Government does?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* If the hon'ble member means, that the P. W. D. schedule rates there are higher, we have no information.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Cannot our Government ask our Chief Engineer to scrutinise their estimates and works?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* That was not considered necessary.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി : നമ്മുടെ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു, ഹാർബർ അതോറിറ്റീസ് അയക്കുന്ന എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് സ്ക്രൂട്ടിനൈസ് ചെയ്യുവാനുള്ള അധികാരമുണ്ടോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി കണ്ണൻനായർ : എസ്റ്റിമേറിംൻറ ഡ്രാഫ്ട്സ് ഗവൺമെണ്ടിലോട്ട അയക്കും. അതിൻറ ഡീറ്റെയിൽസ് അയക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി : കരാറനുസരിച്ചു് അവർ അയക്കുന്ന എസ്റ്റിമേറിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു പരിശോധിക്കുന്നതിനും പരിശോധനയിൽ കാണുന്ന വീഴ്ചകളെപ്പറ്റി അവരുടെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെടുത്തുന്നതിനും കൊച്ചിഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു് ആ അധികാരമുണ്ടോ എന്നാണു ഞാൻ ചോദിക്കുന്നതു്.

Mr. President: We are asked to give our opinion on the estimates.

WILLINGDON ISLAND—ELECTRIFICATION OF—LICENSE FOR.

145. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have issued license as per the Cochin Electricity Act for generating and distributing electricity on the Island;

(*b*) if so, the amount of money realised every year by the Government for the last 3 years?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*
(*a*) No license has been issued under the Cochin Electricity Act for the generation and distribution of electricity on the Willingdon Island.

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